

**ABSTRACT**

The invention comprises a hot water heater system including a hot water tank, a hot water heater; a pressure relief device which is activated when the hot water heater system is in an overpressure or over-temperature condition; a relief line which is engaged when the pressure relief device is activated; and an output device for providing indicia that the pressure relief device is activated. According to other embodiments, the invention includes means for interrupting or reducing water intake and/or power to the system when in an overpressure or over-temperature state.

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